

Wixom Lake Improvement Board (WLIB)
Meeting Minutes
May 24, 2022

Meeting called to order at Billings Township Hall by Chairman Joe Sova at 6:01 pm

Board Members Present: Carol Ayers, Joe Sova, Ray Drumright, Larry Woodard, Robert Kelley, Jeanette Snyder, Don Zakett, Karen Moore, Terry Walters

Board Members Absent: none

Others in Attendance: Norma Stuart from Midland County Drain Commission, Lucy Zeestraten from Gladwin County Drain Commission, Paul Hausler from Progressive AE, Casey Shoaff from PLM Lake & Land Management Corp., and approximately 20 members of the public

Pledge of allegiance recited to start the meeting.

There was no correspondence for the board to review.

Board members reviewed minutes from the April 7th, 2022 meeting. Minor corrections (name spellings, etc.) were flagged and provided to Chairman Sova.

A motion to accept and file the corrected minutes was made by Terry Walters and seconded by Carol Ayers. Voice vote with Ray Drumright abstaining due to his absence from last meeting. Motion carried.

In the category of new business, Paul Hausler reviewed the content of a proposed professional services agreement between Progressive AE and the WLIB titled Wixom Lake Improvement Project 2022. Vegetation is expected to be assessed in early to mid July with comprehensive treatment plan developed shortly thereafter. Don Zakett asked that the agreement be amended to explicitly include verbiage for inclusion of the canals in the project. Paul indicated that canals were already implicitly included but that he would amend the proposed agreement in section A3 to explicitly include them. The total fee for the activities in the professional services agreement is \$21,000 with payment in two \$10,500 installments (July and September). After discussion of scope and cost, a motion was made by Robert Kelley to accept the amended agreement and it was seconded by Don Zakett. Voice vote. Motion carried unanimously.

An invoice (#5001471) dated 5/2/22 from PLM Lake & Management Corp for \$1850 was presented. The invoice is for fees associated with application for an ANC (Aquatic Nuisance Control) permit which will allow for treatment of aquatic weeds only. In discussion about the permit application, it was stated that ANC permits are typically granted in about 30 days but since the situation with dam failure is unusual, it might take a little longer. Don Zakett made a motion to pay the invoice and Carol Ayers seconded the motion. Voice vote. Motion carried unanimously.

In the discussion of 2022 permitting triggered by the aforementioned invoice, it was stated that a different permit, NPDES (National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System), is needed for treatment of terrestrial plants since there is potential for the treatments to enter surface water. The NPDES permit is expected to take about 90 days for approval/denial once submitted. Paul Hausler and Casey Shoaff shared a draft work plan (titled Tittabawassee River, Gladwin and Midland Counties Bottomlands Control Project) to accompany the NPDES permit application which they expect to make soon. There will be additional fees associated with the NPDES permit application process.

A motion to accept and file the financial statement showing an account balance of \$333,744.85 as of 5/2/2022 was made by Larry Woodard and seconded by Terry Walters. Voice vote. Motion carried unanimously. It was noted that the PLM invoice (#5001471) was already listed on the statement as a debit.

Chairman Sova opened the meeting for public comment:

Monty Wiseman, 5314 S. Pine St in the Venice subdivision shared concerns about the proliferation of cattails.

Phillip Tenant, 5410 Heron Cove Dr. has concerns about tree growth and asked for clarity on permitting which was addressed by board as well as Progressive AE and PLM attendees.

John Marsh, 3093 N. Meridian shared that he has an agreement with the Edenville Township board to execute bottomland mowing and debris removal. The work has been primarily done on the northern portions of Sanford Lake but he has also done some mowing at the very southern end of Wixom Lake. Cost is approximately \$120/acre for mowing. He shared contact information with Paul Hausler.

Terry Hall, Edenville Township Supervisor, shared his endorsement of the quality work done by John Marsh. He also shared that clean-up after chemical treatments or mowing are important to consider when making plans so that debris are not just sent downstream when lake returns.

Keith (missed last name), 5376 Grouse Ct. inquired about the need for permits. Casey Shoaff addressed the question about permitting and board member Zakett stated that the counties own the bottomlands and that the Four Lakes Task Force discourages individual property owners from applying chemical treatments or burning but it is not opposed to mowing.

When no-one else offered public comments, Chairman Sova moved to the topic of scheduling of a next WLIB meeting. It was decided to target late July 2022 after Progressive AE has assessed vegetation and has a proposed treatment plan for the board to consider.

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn by Carol Ayers was seconded by Robert Kelley. Voice vote. Motion carried unanimously. 6:58 PM.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Ray Drumright